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SUBJ: OECD OIL COMMITTEE AND HLG MEETING, DECEMBER 19

LONDON FOR UNDER SEC. DONALDSON AND JULIUS KATZ

1. US SHARES ITALIAN CONCERNS ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF HOLD-
ING DECEMBER 19 MEETINGS IF THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD
OF USEFUL SESSION AT THAT TIME. NON-PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS
CAN WEAKEN EFFECTIVENESS OF BOTH OIL COMMITTEE AND HLG.
HOWEVER, WE PUT THESE CONSIDERATIONS FORWARD IN ATTEMPTING
TO HAVE NOVEMBER 19 HLG MEETING POSTPONED AND WISH TO
AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF CAMPAIGN TO OBSTRUCT OUR
COMMON EFFORTS ON OIL MATTERS. THEREFORE, US DOES
NOT WISH TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN ANY POSTPONEMENT OF
DECEMBER MEETINGS.

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2. USOECD AND INFO ADDRESSEES SHOULD TAKE FOLLOWING
LINE ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT ONLY IF ASKED TO COMMENT:

(A) THE US IS AGREEABLE TO A POSTPONEMENT IF THERE IS A
CONSENSUS FOR TAKING THIS ACTION. IF NOT, WE WILL OF
COURSE PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY AS IN THE PAST.

(B) WE DO SHARE THE ITALIAN CONCERNS NOTED IN PARA ONE
AND QUESTION WHETHER DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING
ONLY FOUR WEEKS AGO WARRANT ANOTHER SESSION AT THIS TIME.
ON THE MATTER OF DISCUSSING THE OIL SHARING OPTIONS PAPER

ON DECEMBER 19, WE DOUBT GOVERNMENTS WILL BE IN POSITION
TO BEGIN SUBSTANTIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS DUE TO SHORTNESS
OF TIME SINCE REPORT COMPLETED. PORTER

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